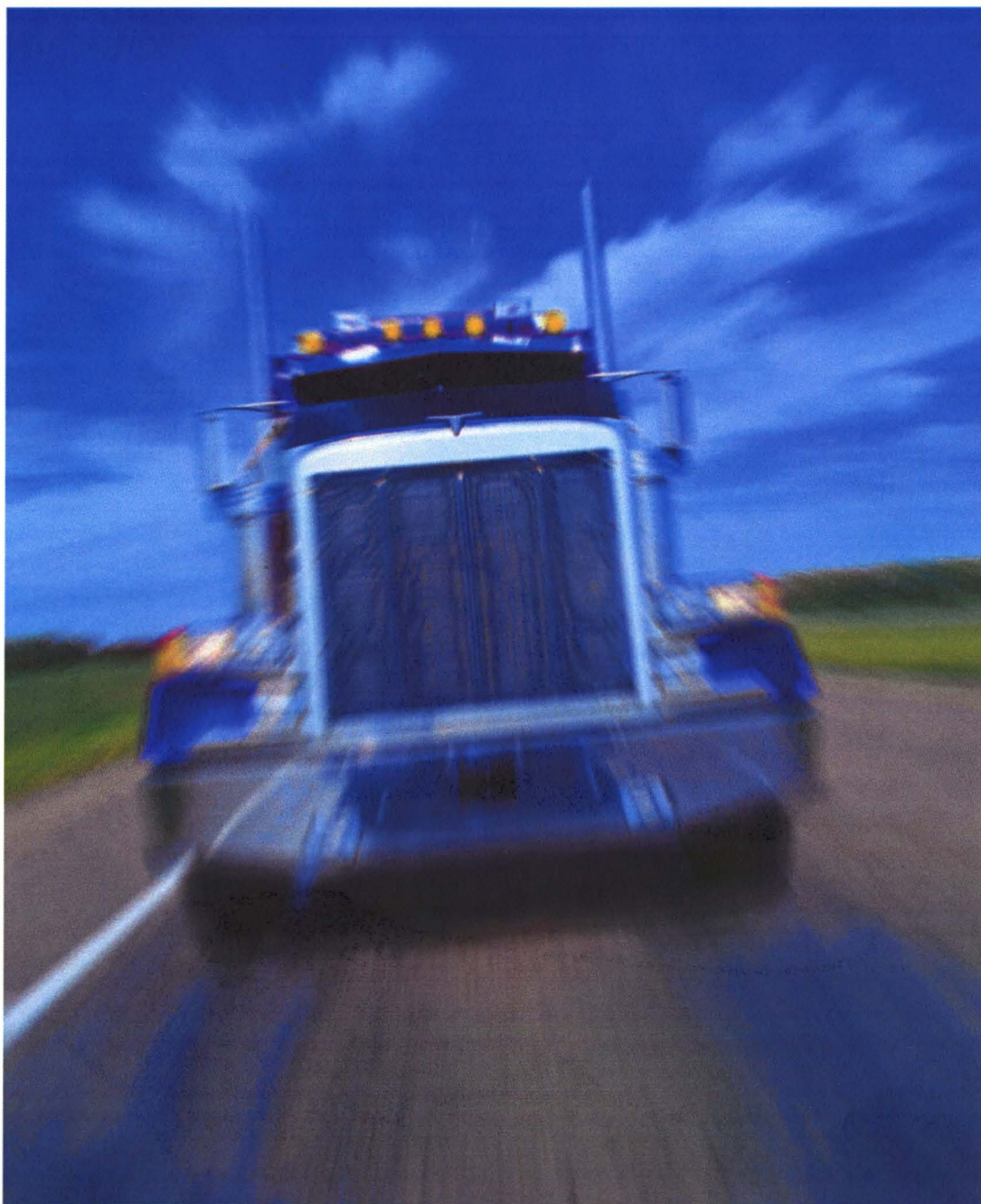


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Procedure and Guideline Manual to  
Transport an Oversize Overweight Commodity  
(Process Improvement)

The Oversize Overweight Permit office (OS/OW) issues approximately 80,000 OS/OW permits annually. An OS/OW permit allows the trucking industry to transport vehicles and non-divisible commodities that exceed the legal state and federal laws to transport size and weight. Based on the weight and dimensions of the commodity being transported, the permit provides the commercial vehicle driver with a safe route of travel through the State of South Carolina.

In addition, the permit informs the trucking industry of the South Carolina laws and guidelines the driver must adhere to when transporting a specific type of commodity through the state. Since the guidelines on file have not been manually updated since 1995, the trucking industry has been transporting commodities based on out-dated guidelines. As a result, the trucking industry will call the permit office to inquire on any changes to the guidelines or amendments to the law. Internally, the permit office staff is using these same 1995 guidelines with hand written notes of all updates since 1995.

## **DEPARTMENTAL GOALS**

As part of the SCDOT/FHWA Strategic Plan<sup>1</sup> to improve external and internal customer satisfaction, this project will benefit external customers that obtain permits and the internal OS/OW permit agents that issue permits. The project will update the changes made to the internal guidelines and document the South Carolina laws that govern the movement of size and weight that have been implemented since 1995. Past changes and future changes made by legislation or SCDOT management will be kept current by the Permit Office Director and published on the OS/OW Permit Office Internet web page. The website will be a central location that the trucking industry can reference to research the laws and guidelines to transport an OS/OW commodity through South Carolina and to order an OS/OW Permit.

## **BACKGROUND AND CURRENT PROCESS**

The Oversize Overweight Permit office is a division of the South Carolina Department of Transportation. The permit office is located in Columbia and is the sole location an OS/OW permit can be obtained. There are six permit agents that issue an average of 300 permits daily.

South Carolina Code of law 57-3-130<sup>2</sup> “allows the department to issue special permits to operate or move vehicles exceeding maximum size, weight or load”. There are numerous commodities that can be transported legally under an OS/OW permit.

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<sup>1</sup> South Carolina Department of Transportation, SCDOT and Federal Highway Administration Strategic Plan 2006-08 page 5

<sup>2</sup> South Carolina Code of Law, <http://www.scstatehouse.net/code/t57c003.doc>

Based on the type of commodity along with the width, height, weight, length and/or overhang of the commodity, the permit defines the guidelines and requirements needed to safely transport a commodity through or within the state.

From the commodities origin to destination, the driver must obtain a permit in each state the load is transported through. Since each state has their own set of guidelines, the requirements could change from state to state. Having a central location of the South Carolina laws and guidelines will allow the trucking industry to have a reference source of the requirements prior to ordering a permit and based on these requirements quote an accurate price for the commodity they will be transporting.

When industry bids for a transporting job, the quote includes the permit fee, required number of escorts and travel times for each state the load will travel through. To bid accurately and before ordering a permit, industry will call the permit office and ask a permit agent what guideline requirements are needed for their particular hauling job. The permit agent searches the guidelines and laws to verbally convey to the customer the requirements that will be needed. The permit office staff has the same 1995 guidelines with hand written notes of the guideline changes and/or addendums to the law that have been implemented. Individual agents could interpret their written notes differently and convey to the customer different understandings of the updates. Since the customer is in the bidding process, he may or may not purchase a permit. In addition, there could be several customers bidding for the same job, meaning multiple customers are calling the permit office inquiring about the same permit requirements. Permits are required to be issued within two hours of receiving an application request; the above process hinders the

issuing of permits that allow industry to meet their daily transporting deadlines. Keeping the guidelines updated and having a central location that industry can reference, will allow the permit agents to issue permits in a timely manner.

## **SURVEY RESPONSE**

An in house survey was created and completed by each permit agent (see Appendix A). Attached to the survey were the current guidelines (see Appendix B) and a proposed formatting of the guidelines (see Appendix C). All agents unanimously preferred the new formatting of the guidelines, which includes all the updates since 1995 and the current procedures to purchase a permit. All agents agreed that when assisting a customer or referring our customers to the website, the proposed guidelines would be easier to find the specific requirements needed to transport a particular commodity.

A customer survey (see Appendix D) was created and mailed to our OS/OW account customers. All customers checked yes, that our current guidelines were easily formatted to find the requirements needed to transport a load. But when asked how our customers searched for the these requirements, either by 1) searching the web, 2) calling the permit office, or 3) other, the results are as follows:

82 - searched the web,

82 - called the permit office,

41 - searched the web and called the permit office,

6 - called the permit office and other sources

25 - other sources

The results of the customer survey told me that our customers may not be aware that the guidelines for transporting OS/OW loads are on the permitting website. It also confirmed that the guidelines that are currently on the permitting website are not informative or easily understood without interpretation from the permit office.(See Appendices E,F&G)

## **LAW VS GUIDELINE CHANGES**

When legislation makes a change to the law or when SCDOT makes a change to the Oversize/Overweight guidelines, these changes will be updated in a word document by the Permit Office Director and posted to the OS/OW Permit web page at <http://www.scdot.org/doing/OSOW.asp>.

When a bill is introduced by legislation relating to size and weight, the SCDOT legal division request that the permit office make comments on why we should oppose or accept. In the past, hearings have been scheduled with the Senate Transportation Committee, SCDOT and the industry wanting to change or amend the law. Example: The RV/Motor Home Industry requested to be allowed to travel with their mirrors and other apparatuses extended past the legal width of 8'6" wide. We agreed with this change under the conditions that they purchase a multiple trip (yearly) permit.

An Oversize/Overweight guideline can be changed with the agency when we see that commerce and/or the motoring public is being impeded. Example: In January 2006, I met with my supervisor and the DOT's Legal Council to request that super loads be allowed to travel on Saturdays. This Saturday travel restriction required the carrier to find a safe location to shut down the load on Friday and resume travel on the following

Monday. The trucking industry was losing two days of travel time and was unable to meet scheduled delivery deadlines. After DOT approval, all permissible loads may travel Monday through Saturday.

## **IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

Internally, changes will be discussed with the permit office staff during monthly staff meetings and a hard copy of the updated guidelines will be issued. These meetings allow the office staff to discuss how these changes could affect their daily procedures and processing of permits.

The OS/OW account customers will be notified in writing to reference the permit office web page with the applicable section and number of the guideline that have been amended. Industry will be allowed 60 to 90 days to comply with any changes that could affect their operating procedures.

Since most OS/OW guidelines have not been updated since the 1980's, the Permit Office Director and upper management have scheduled quarterly meetings to discuss these guidelines and the customer comments from the survey. From these meetings, the guidelines could be amended to better serve our customers needs. The first meeting is to be held in April. This meeting will be to discuss increasing gross and axle weights on each tandem groupings for our Multiple Trip Permits. A form will be generated with a detailed description of the requested guideline change. All parties will sign when change request is approved or denied (see Appendix H). This form will be filed in the central OS/OW Procedure Manual for future reference.



With the above change, we should see the number of single trip permits decrease and the number of multiple trip permits increase. This will allow the permit office staff more time to focus on routing loads with excessive height and weights to issue in a timely manner.

## Appendices A

### South Carolina Department of Transportation Oversize/Overweight Permit Survey

The South Carolina Oversize/Overweight Permit Office Director will be reviewing with management the "Guidelines for movement over South Carolina Highways of Oversize and Overweight Vehicles and Loads". I would like to have my staff's input on the formatting of the current guidelines.

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- 1) When searching the guidelines to inform a customer on the requirements needed to transport a load, are the current guidelines easily formatted to find these requirements?      \_\_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_\_ No
- 2) Of the attached guidelines, which formatting do you prefer?  
  CURRENT    PROPOSED
- 3) Are there guidelines that you think should be discussed and changed/improved?  
If yes; which guideline and your suggested improvement:  
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## **Appendices B**

### **GUIDELINES FOR MOVEMENT OVER SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAYS OF OVERSIZE AND OVERWEIGHT VEHICLES AND LOADS**

Statutory Authority: Section 56-5-4010 through 56-5-4230 and 57-3-130 through 57-3-160

A. Implements of husbandry transported by commercial vehicle, fire apparatus, forestry equipment or road machinery are exempted from the laws governing size and weight, except that any such equipment which exceeds 12 feet in width and has a gross weight of 90,000 lbs. or more should first obtain from the Department routing permission as prescribed on January 1, 1970, by the State Highway Engineer and approved by the Chief Highway Commissioner.

B. The Department, on application (Form 2039) may exercise its discretion in issuing permits for the movement of other types of vehicles which exceed the legal size and weight limits; provided

(1) the load carried thereon cannot be readily disassembled so as to reduce the size and/or gross weight to the legal limits except in an emergency when approved by the Director

(2) that every such movement shall be routed over highways having 12 foot wide or wider lanes whenever possible, except in emergencies or where there is good cause to show that such movement is in the public interest

(3) that the Department may limit or prescribe conditions of operation of such vehicles

(4) may require such insurance and/or other security as it deems necessary, and

(5) that such movements are made so as not to damage the highways nor unduly interfere with highway traffic.

C. The South Carolina Department of Transportation will accept an advance deposit in the initial amount of \$200.00 or more for the future purchase of oversize or overweight permits. An amount may be added to this deposit as long as that amount, when added to the present balance, equals \$200.00 or more. A monthly statement will be furnished to the depositor, showing the current balance.

#### **D. THE FOLLOWING ARE GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL OVERSIZE AND/OR OVERWEIGHT LOADS**

(1) the Department may require the vehicle owner, operator or mover to furnish a bond or insurance prior to the move in an amount to be determined by the Department as a guarantee that the provisions of the permit will be carried out and to reimburse the Department for any damage that may be done to the highway or structures by reason of the movement, also to pay the cost of any expenses for inspection of the move by the Department. If no damage is done and the Department does not have any expense as a result of the move, the bond will be reimbursed

(2) an overweight permit will not be granted for the movement of a vehicle with load, which is not licensed to its full limit

(3) the granting of a permit shall not be construed as waiving any weight limitation which has been or may be established on any highway or any bridge thereon

(4) permit will not be granted for the movement of any vehicle or combination of vehicles exceeding the legal weight limitation, with or without load, which is not equipped with pneumatic tires

(5) the Department may, if deemed necessary, require the applicant to furnish a "weight ticket" on each axle and the gross weight of the vehicle or vehicle combination and may require the weighing in the presence of a representative of the Department at a State approved scale

(6) a load shall be so transported by a vehicle or combination of vehicles so that the least width or length dimension becomes the width of the load. The load shall be transported such that no part of it will extend across the centerline of the road except when necessary to avoid a collision with objects located near the edge of the road

(7) the Department may, at its discretion, grant an extension of time to the permittee where the same is made necessary because of weather, road conditions or other circumstances which are beyond the control of the vehicle operator

(8) all vehicles shall meet the requirements of all applicable laws and regulations

(9) the trailer of mobile homes shall be quipped with satisfactory electric or air brakes.

(10) overwidth loads or mobile homes shall be moved over sections of highways selected by the Department

(11) the towing vehicle for a load or mobile home 10 feet wide or less shall be a three-quarter (3/4) ton or larger truck or truck-tractor with dual rear wheels

(12) the towing vehicle for a load or mobile home over 10 feet wide up to and including 12 feet wide shall be a one and one-half (1 1/2) ton or larger truck or truck-tractor with dual rear wheels

(13) the towing vehicle for a load or mobile home over 12 feet wide shall be a two and one-half (2 1/2) ton or larger truck or truck-tractor with dual rear wheels

(14) the mobile home shall not exceed 80 feet in length as measured from the center of the ball cup on the trailer hitch to the extreme end of the mobile home

(15) the permittee shall provide signs, front and rear, reading WIDE LOAD or OVERSIZE LOAD with letters 12 inches high and at least 1 1/2 inches wide on all loads and mobile homes 12 feet wide or wider. Red flags must be displayed at each outer four corners of the load or mobile home. Turn signals and brake lights in working order must be displayed

(16) the permittee must provide a rotating amber beacon or strobe light on the rear of the mobile home or load in excess of 12 feet wide up to and including 14 feet wide at a location readily visible to following traffic

(17) the permittee must provide a rotating amber beacon or strobe light on each outer rear corner of all loads or mobile homes over 14 feet wide up to and including 16 feet wide.

#### **E. ESCORT REQUIREMENTS**

(1) a front escort must be present on all loads or mobile homes which exceed 12 feet in width up to and including 14 feet in width on two lane highways. The Department reserves the right to require a rear escort where it is deemed necessary for safety purposes

(2) a front and rear escort must be present at all times on all loads or mobile homes which exceeds 14 feet in width up to and including 16 feet in width

(3) a rotating amber beacon or strobe light must be displayed on top of all escort vehicles. The escort vehicles must also display a WIDE LOAD or OVERSIZE LOAD sign on the front of the lead escort vehicle and on the rear of the following escort vehicle. There must be radio contact between the escort vehicles and the towing vehicles at all times

#### **F. TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS**

(1) no movement shall be allowed during inclement weather such as heavy rain or fog when visibility is restricted to less than 1,000 feet. Movement shall also be prohibited during periods of high winds or when highways are slippery or hazardous due to ice, snow or sleet. The South Carolina Department of Public Safety Transport Police may direct or escort a vehicle off the highway to a place of safety

(2) on **non-Interstate** highways, no person shall drive a vehicle which is towing a mobile home at a speed in excess of 45 MPH or a load in excess of 55 MPH

(3) the maximum speed on the **Interstate** highways of this State for a **new** mobile home shall be 10 MPH **less** than posted, not to exceed 55 MPH. All other mobile homes are not to exceed 45 MPH. Loads shall not exceed 55 MPH on the Interstate.

(4) the driver shall remove the towing vehicle along with the load or mobile home from the traveled way to allow any closely following traffic (5 vehicles maximum) to pass and proceed

(5) travel shall be made between one-half (1/2) hour after sunrise to one-half (1/2) hour before sunset Monday through Saturday. **NO** travel will be allowed on Sunday, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day **OR** after 12:00 noon before each holiday and before 12:00 noon after each holiday (not including Sunday)

(6) movement is prohibited on Friday and Saturday from Memorial Day through Labor Day over Routes 378, 327, 76, 576, 501 and 9 East of I-95 to and from the Myrtle Beach area and on Route 17 from the North Carolina line to points South of Myrtle Beach and on any other Routes in the Myrtle Beach vicinity

(7) no loads or mobile homes over 12 feet wide up to and including 14 feet box width plus a maximum 12 inches top overhang for mobile homes and 15 feet wide for all other loads are to move over the States highways in and in close proximity of large urban areas between the hours of 7:00 and 9:00 A.M. or 3:00 and 6:00 P.M. during school days or 7:00 and 9:00 A.M. or 4:30 and 6:00 P.M. other days

(8) all loads over 15 feet wide and mobile homes over 14 feet box width up to and including 16 feet wide must be moved Monday through Saturday between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. during school days and 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. other days

(9) all loads and mobile homes over 14 feet wide up to and including 16 feet wide must travel on four-lane highways. Travel on two-lane highways will be restricted to 12 foot wide or wider lane width where possible

(10) all loads or mobile homes over 14 feet wide up to and including 16 feet wide must be the only vehicle on any bridge that is 18 feet wide or less.

## **G. APPLICATION FOR OVERWEIGHT AND OVERSIZE PERMITS**

### **(1) single trip permits**

(a) A single trip permit application may be made by phone (803-737-9752) or on Form No. 2039 provided by the Department furnishing all the necessary information required

(b) Each application must be accompanied by the permit fee (\$20.00) before it can be issued. The permit fee accompanying any application that is turned down will be returned to the person or company named within the application

(c) Permits may be picked up in person or be sent by mail or FAX. The permittee must advise the Permit Office how they wish the permit be sent

(d) special oversize and/or overweight trip permits for movement of vehicles or combinations of vehicles with non-divisible loads thereon in excess of the maximum sizes and weights allowed must receive special consideration by and have prior approval of the Department prior to any part of the move to be undertaken

### **(2) multiple trip permits**

(a) application for a multiple trip permit shall be made on Form MT-01

(b) multiple trip permits will be issued for 14 feet wide or less, legal height and a maximum gross weight of 90,000 lbs. (40,000 lbs. per tandem on 5 axles)

(3) all permits may be secured from the **Oversize Permit Office** at the **South Carolina Department of Transportation, P. O. Box 191, Annex 3, Columbia, South Carolina, 29202. Telephone No. (803) 737-9752.** The Permit Office maintains hours between 8:00 A. M. and 4:30 P. M. except Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

## **H. FRAME BUILDINGS OR OTHER LOADS OF SIMILAR SIZE**

(1) the application for a permit, Form 2039, along with an 8x10 portion or portions of a DOT map marked to clearly show each road involved, to move a building or load in excess of 16 feet in width shall be made with the Resident Maintenance Engineer in each County the move is to take place or with the Oversize Permit Office in Columbia. The application must be signed by the Resident Maintenance Engineer to signify their approval or disapproval and may add any special provisions or conditions. It will then be faxed to the Oversize Permit Office within five (5) working days. The approved permit will then be issued. A copy of the permit will also be sent to the Resident Maintenance Engineers office

(2) The maximum travel distance for a frame building or load in excess of 16 feet is thirty (30) miles providing the overall dimensions and highway conditions are favorable

(3) A permit will be issued for the movement of a frame building or load in excess of 16 feet during hours and over highways selected and/or approved by the Department

(4) A permit will not be issued for the movement of a frame building or load of any width across a bridge unless the width of subject load is 24 inches less than the distance between the guard rails of the bridge or if subject load is loaded such that it will clear the top of the rails by not less than 12 inches

(5) the mover shall be responsible for checking all overhead vertical clearances and shall make all provisions for raising or removal of overhead wires, cables, traffic signals, etc. sufficiently in advance (minimum of 3 working days) of the move to eliminate delays to the highway traffic

(6) the mover must provide sufficient flagmen and/or escort vehicles to warn all approaching traffic during the move

(7) a minimum of three (3) escorts, two in front and one in rear for ALL moves over 16 feet wide, are required. The foremost escort is to be a reasonable distance ahead of the move to alert oncoming traffic in sufficient time of the impending hazard ahead

(8) for moves taking place in hours of darkness, sufficient lighting must be placed on the transporter and building or load to alert traffic.

## **I. MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE SIZES AND WEIGHTS GRANTED BY PERMIT**

### **(1) overall length**

(a) mobile homes - 100 feet (mobile home 80 feet or less)

(b) loads - permits may be issued for a non-divisible load with a maximum rear overhang of 15 feet on a trailer that is LESS than 48 feet and a maximum rear overhang of 10 feet on a 48 ft. or 53 ft. trailer provided they have flags and a rotating amber beacon or strobe light on the rear of the load or flags and a rear escort with such warning devices as may be required by the Department and upon such routes as the Department may require. A maximum of three (3) feet front overhang on trailer is allowed

(c) in all cases, loads on expandable or pole trailers with more than a six (6) foot rear overhang shall be equipped with flags and a rotating amber beacon or strobe light on the rear of the load or flags and a rear escort with such warning devices as may be required by the Department. The maximum overall length shall be 125 feet

(d) Exceptions to this length may be granted only by furnishing a drawing of the proposed load and proposed routing of the contemplated move. Any approval will be based on the necessity of such a move and to what extent it will affect highway traffic

### **(2) Loads on straight trucks**

(a) maximum of five (5) ft. rear overhang allowed

**(3) overall height**

(a) the maximum overall height of any permitted load must be at least six (6) inches less than any overhead structures on a route granted by the permit

**(4) overall width**

- (a) mobile homes - sixteen (16) feet
- (b) loads - sixteen (16) feet

**(5) gross weights**

(a) two axle single unit vehicle	40,000 lbs.
(b) three axle single unit vehicle	50,000 lbs.
(c) four or more axle single unit vehicle	65,000 lbs.
(d) combination of vehicles with three axles	55,000 lbs.
(e) combination of vehicles with four axles	70,000 lbs.
(f) combination of vehicles with five axles	90,000 lbs.
(g) combination of vehicles with six axles	110,000 lbs.
(h) combination of vehicles with seven axles	130,000 lbs.

**(6) gross tandem weights**

(a) single axle	20,000 lbs.
(b) two axle tandem	40,000 lbs.
(c) three axle tandem	60,000 lbs.
(d) four axle tandem	80,000 lbs.

**(7) Loads that are grossing 130,000 lbs. ONLY may have continuous travel as long as they can flow with the traffic. Loads in excess of 130,000 lbs. can travel Monday through Friday only**

**(8) any exceptions to these maximum limits must be submitted with appropriate drawings, pictures and reasons for the moves to the Department well in advance (5 days minimum) of the proposed move for approval or disapproval.**

**J. In all cases, the Department reserves the right to recall or not issue permits in accordance with the above limitations if there is an abuse of the permit or such a permit would cause an unnecessary amount of disruption in the normal traffic flow.**

## Appendices C

### GUIDELINES FOR MOVEMENT OVER SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAYS OF OVERSIZE AND OVERWEIGHT VEHICLES AND LOADS

Statutory Authority: Section 56-5-4010 through 56-5-4230 and 57-3-130 through 57-3-190

#### **A. PARTIAL EXEMPTIONS FOR IMPLEMENTS OF HUSBANDRY, FIRE APPARATUS, FORESTRY, AND ROAD MACHINERY:**

Implements of husbandry transported by commercial vehicle, fire apparatus, forestry equipment or road machinery are exempted from the laws governing size and weight, except that any such equipment which exceeds 12' in width, 13'6" in height and has a gross weight of 90,000 lbs. or more shall first obtain from the Department a routing permission permit as prescribed on January 1, 1970, by the State Highway Engineer and approved by the Chief Highway Commissioner.

- (1) Road machinery is charged an administrative fee of \$10.00 and is valid for 6 months.
- (2) Implements of husbandry, fire apparatus & forestry equipment are exempt from administrative and permit fee and is valid for 30 days.
- (3) Governmental entities are exempt from the \$10.00 administrative fee to transport road machinery equipment.

**B. DISCRETIONARY OS/OW PERMIT:** The Department may exercise its discretion in issuing permits for the movement of other types of loads and or vehicles which exceed the legal size and weight limits; provided:

- (1) The load carried thereon cannot be readily disassembled so as to reduce the size and/or gross weight to the legal limits except in an emergency when approved by the Director
- (2) That every such movement shall be routed over highways having 12 foot wide or wider lanes whenever possible, except in emergencies or where there is good cause to show that such movement is in the public interest;
- (3) That the Department may limit or prescribe conditions of operation of such vehicles;
- (4) That the Department may require such insurance and/or other security as it deems necessary; and
- (5) That such movement is made so as not to damage the highways nor unduly interfere with highway traffic.

**C. REVOCATION OF PERMIT AND SUSPENSION OF SERVICE:** Failure to comply with the law, regulations or guidelines on oversize/overweight transport may result in the immediate revocation of the permit. Permits revoked shall not be reissued to the same transporting company. Upon revocation of the permit, the responsible party is not eligible for an oversize/overweight permit:

- One (1) year suspension: for second revocation
- Five (5) years suspension: for third revocation
- Permanent suspension: for fourth and subsequent revocations
- Violations include convictions under §56-5-4160 and from other State jurisdictions.
- The caption and/or sections heading contained in these guidelines are not binding and are only used for reference purposes.



**D. APPLICATION FOR OVERSIZE AND OVERWEIGHT SINGLE, PERMISSION & MULTIPLE TRIP PERMITS.** All permits shall be secured from the **Oversize/Overweight Permit Office at the South Carolina Department of Transportation, P. O. Box 191, Columbia, South Carolina, 29202. Telephone No. (803) 253-6250.** The Permit Office maintains hours between 8:00 A. M. and 4:30 P. M. except Saturday, Sunday and holidays

(1) Applying for Permits: Permit application submittal shall be made by one of the following:

- a) Telephone: (803) 253-6250 (single & permission trip only)
- b) Fax: (803) 343-0700 (SC application forms located on OSOW web page)
- c) Mail: SCDOT/OSOW, PO Box 191, Columbia, SC 29202
- c) Internet: WWW.SCDOT.ORG click on OSOW Permits under Quick links

(2) Internet account to access the web: An account must be set-up with the S.C. Permit office to access the online permitting system. An account may be set-up by filling out an Account Set-Up form located on the above web page and submitted by fax to (803) 343-0700. An account number, user ID and password to access the web will be issued and faxed back to the fax number indicated on the account set-up form. Method of payment can be made with a credit card or an established escrow account. (The credit card authorizer for every credit card transaction on every permit issued will charge an additional \$5.00.)

(3) Escrow Account with Advance Deposit: The South Carolina Department of Transportation may accept an advance deposit in the initial amount of \$200.00 or more for the future purchase of oversize or overweight permits. An amount may be added to this deposit as long as that amount, when added to the present balance, equals \$200.00 or more. A monthly statement will be mailed showing the accounts activity.

(4) Permit Delivery: Permits may be picked up in person, by FAX, e-mail or by mail. The permittee shall advise the Oversize Permit Office on how they wish the permit to be sent. Permits must be signed by the permittee upon receipt in order to be valid.

(5) Permit Payment: Payment for permits shall be made by escrow account, cash, check, money order or by credit card upon application submittal. The permit fee accompanying any application that is denied shall be returned to the person or company named on the application, with the exception of superload application fees.

(6) Permit Fees:

Single Trip Permit	\$30.00
Excessive width over 16'	\$35.00
Excessive width over 18'	\$40.00
Excessive width over 20'	\$45.00
Excessive width over 22'	\$50.00
Multiple Trip Permit (Annual)	\$100.00
House Moving License (Annual)	\$100.00
Annual Permit Transfer Fee for	
Wrecked, Stolen or Sold trucks being replaced	\$10.00
Road Machinery Administrative fee	\$10.00
Superload Application Fee (Non-refundable)	\$100.00
Superload Engineering Analysis over 130,000 lbs	\$100.00
Superload Engineering Analysis over 200,000 lbs	\$200.00
Superload Engineering Analysis over 300,000 lbs	\$350.00
Superload Impact Fee over 130,000 lbs	\$ 3.00/1,000 lbs

Permit fees (continued)

Sheet Tobacco Truck Permit	\$15.00
Cotton Modular Vehicle Permit	\$50.00
Culvert Pipe Permit	\$15.00
Hay	\$20.00

(7) Permit Types:

- Single Trip Permit: A single trip permit shall be issued for non-divisible loads. A single trip permit may only be used once for the movement within the date and times specified by permit. The following must also be provided: Name, address and contact numbers of transporter, load description, load and trailer dimensions, defined routes with a beginning and ending address or junctions within one mile and the license tag numbers of the towing vehicle and trailer.
- Multiple Trip Permit: A multiple trip permit shall be issued for the movement of non-divisible loads, mobile homes and sealed ocean containers. The complete vehicle identification number and tag number for the hauling vehicle is required. The maximum dimensions allowed are as follows:

Non-divisible loads: up to 14 wide, 13'6 high and 90,000 lbs gross weight on 5 or more axles (not to exceed 40,000 lbs. per tandem).

Mobile Homes: up to 14 wide, 13'6 high and legal weight.

Sealed Ocean Containers: up to 8'6 wide, 13'6 high and 90,000 on 5 or more axles (not to exceed 40,000 lbs. per tandem)

- Self Issue Multiple Trip Permit: Multiple trip permits for non-divisible loads, sealed containers and mobile homes can be self-issued 24 hours, 7 days a week with an OSOW internet account. The above maximum dimensions will automatically be issued on the permit.
- Cotton Modular Multiple Trip Permit: Cotton Modular Vehicle is defined as a single motor vehicle used only to transport seed cotton modules, cotton, or equipment used in the transporting or processing of cotton. The permit shall be issued annually, and allows continuous travel on all highways EXCEPT on the Interstate. Cotton modular vehicles may not exceed a width of one hundred ten inches and may not exceed a length of fifty feet extreme overall dimensions, inclusive of front and rear bumpers and load and a maximum of 25,000 lbs per. Axle, not to exceed a gross weight of 65,000 on 3 axles. The permit is Vehicle Identification Number and license tag specific. (SC Code of Law 57-3-160)
- Sheet Tobacco Multiple Trip Permit: Sheet Tobacco Truck is defined as a vehicle used to transport tobacco in sheets, which do not exceed ninety-six inches in width at the truck bed and nine feet six inches at the widest part of the load above the truck bed. The permit shall be issued annually, and allows continuous travel on all highways. The permit is Vehicle Identification Number and license tag specific (SC Code of Law 57-3-140)
- Culvert Pipe Multiple Trip Permit: A multiple trip permit can be issued for vehicles transporting culvert pipe not to exceed a width of one hundred six inches. The permit is Vehicle Identification Number and license tag specific. (SC Code of Law 56-5-4035).
- Permission Permit: A permission permit shall be issued to transport Road Machinery (not construction equipment). Permit allows multiple trips to be made within 30 days.
- House Moving Permit: See Section K.
- Superload: A superload permit is defined as all loads over 130,000 lbs.

**E. MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE SIZES AND WEIGHTS GRANTED BY PERMIT:** Any exceptions to the maximum limits shall be submitted to the Department with the appropriate drawings, pictures, requested route and reasons for the move. The request shall be submitted no less than five (5) days minimum of the proposed move date for approval or disapproval. Any approval shall be at the discretion of the Department

(1) Overall Length:

- (a) Non Divisible Loads: The maximum overall length shall be 125 feet
- (b) Mobile Homes: The maximum overall length shall be 100 feet (mobile home 80 feet or less)
- (c) Structural Material: A pole, pipe, log or other structural material exceeding eighty feet in length may not be transported unless a permit is obtained. The load must be non-divisible and transported on a stretch trailer. (Reference Code of Law 56-5-4090)

(2) Overhang:

- (a) Permits may be issued for a non-divisible load with a maximum rear overhang of 15 feet on a trailer that is **LESS** than 48 feet or a stretch trailer. A maximum rear overhang of 10 feet is allowed on a 48 ft. or 53 ft. provided they have flags and a rotating amber beacon or strobe light OR flags on the rear of the load and a rear civilian escort with such warning devices required by the Department.
- (b) A maximum of three (3) feet front overhang is allowed on all trailers.
- (c) In all cases, loads on expandable or pole trailers with more than a six (6) foot rear overhang shall be equipped with flags and a rotating amber beacon or strobe light on the rear of the load OR flags and a rear escort with such warning devices required by the Department.

(3) Overall Height:

- (a) The maximum overall height of any permitted load must be at least three (3) inches less than any overhead structures on a route granted by the permit.
- (b) The transporter shall be responsible for checking all overhead vertical clearances and shall make all provisions for raising or removal of overhead wires, cables, traffic signals, etc., sufficiently in advance and no less than a minimum of 3 working days prior to the move, to eliminate delays to the highway traffic.
- (c) ALL loads 16 feet in height and above must provide a department approved route survey prior to permit issuance. A front escort vehicle with a height pole shall be required during entire move.

(4) Overall Width

- (a) Mobile homes - sixteen (16) feet
- (b) Non Divisible Loads - sixteen (16) feet

(5) Gross Weights

(a) Two axle single unit vehicle	40,000 lbs.
(b) Three axle single unit vehicle	50,000 lbs.
(c) Four or more axle single unit vehicle	65,000 lbs.
(d) Combination of vehicles with three axles	55,000 lbs.
(e) Combination of vehicles with four axles	70,000 lbs.
(f) Combination of vehicles with five axles	90,000 lbs.
(g) Combination of vehicles with six axles	110,000 lbs.
(h) Combination of vehicles with seven axles	130,000 lbs.

(6) Gross Tandem Weights

(a) Single axle	20,000 lbs.
(b) Two axle tandem	40,000 lbs.
(c) three axle tandem	60,000 lbs.
(d) Four axle tandem	80,000 lbs.

(7) Loads on Straight Trucks:

(a) Maximum of five (5) ft. rear overhang allowed \*\*\*\*\*

(8) **In all cases, the Department reserves the right to recall or not issue permits in accordance with the above limitations if there is an abuse of the permit or such a permit would cause an unnecessary amount of disruption in the normal traffic flow.**

**F. GENERAL GUIDELINES:** The following are general provisions applicable to all oversize and/or overweight loads:

- (1) Laws: All vehicles shall meet the requirements of all applicable laws and regulations.
- (2) Signed Permits: An Oversize/Overweight Permit is not valid until signed by an authorized representative of the permittee.
- (3) Road Selection: Oversized loads or mobile homes shall be moved over sections of highways selected by the Department.
- (4) Insurance: The Department may require the vehicle owner, operator or mover to furnish a bond or insurance prior to the move in an amount to be determined by the Department as a guarantee that the provisions of the permit will be carried out and to reimburse the Department for any damage that may be done to the highway or structures by reason of the movement, also to pay the cost of any expenses for inspection of the move by the Department. If no damage is done and the Department does not have any expense as a result of the move, the bond will be reimbursed.
- (5) Weight Ticket: The Department may, if deemed necessary, require the applicant to furnish a "weight ticket" on each axle and the gross weight of the vehicle or vehicle combination and may require the weighing in the presence of a representative of the Department at a State approved scale.
- (6) License Requirement: An overweight permit shall not be granted for the movement of a vehicle with a load that is not licensed to its full limit.
- (7) No Waivers: The granting of a permit shall not be construed as waiving any weight limitation that has been or may be established on any highway or any bridge thereon.
- (8) Pneumatic Tires: A permit shall not be granted for the movement of any vehicle or combination of vehicles exceeding the legal weight limitation, with or without load, which is not equipped with pneumatic tires.
- (9) Width of Load: A load shall be so transported by a vehicle or combination of vehicles so that the least width or length dimension becomes the width of the load. The load shall be transported such that no part of it shall extend across the centerline of the road except when necessary to avoid a collision with objects located near the edge of the road.
- (10) Permit Extensions: The Department may, at its discretion, grant an extension of time to the permittee where the same is made necessary because of weather, road conditions or other circumstances that are beyond the control of the vehicle operator.
- (11) Mobile Home Brakes: The trailer of mobile homes shall be equipped with satisfactory electric or air brakes.
- (12) Mobile Home Length: The mobile home shall not exceed 80 feet in length as measured from the center of the ball cup on the trailer hitch to the extreme end of the mobile home.
- (13) Obstructing Traffic Flow: The driver shall remove the towing vehicle along with the load or mobile home from the traveled way to allow any closely following traffic (5 vehicles maximum) to pass and proceed

**G. TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS:**

- (1) Continuous Travel: Loads grossing up to 130,000 lbs. can only have continuous travel if all other dimensions are legal.
- (2) Inclement Weather: No movement shall be allowed during inclement weather such as heavy rain or fog when visibility is restricted to less than 1,000 feet. Movement shall also be prohibited during periods of high winds or when highways are slippery or hazardous due to ice, snow or sleet. The South Carolina Department of Public Safety Transport Police or Highway Patrol may direct or escort a vehicle off the highway to a place of safety.
- (3) Speed Limits on Non-Interstates: The maximum speed on **non-Interstate** highways for a new or used mobile home shall not exceed 45 MPH. All other Loads shall not exceed 55 MPH.
- (4) Speed Limits on Interstates: The maximum speed on the **Interstate** highways of South Carolina for a **new** mobile home shall be 10 MPH **less** than posted, not to exceed 55 MPH. All other mobile homes shall not exceed 45 MPH. All other Loads shall not exceed 55 MPH.
- (5) Sunday & Holiday Travel Restrictions: **NO** travel shall be allowed on Sunday, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day **OR** from 12:00 noon the day before a holiday until 12:00 noon the day after each holiday (not including Sunday), except upon written approval from the Department.
- (6) Prohibited Routes During Summer: Movement is prohibited on Friday and Saturday from Memorial Day through Labor Day over Routes US-378, SC-327, US-76, SC-576, US-501, SC-22, SC-31 and SC-9 East of I-95 to and from the Myrtle Beach area and on US-17 from the North Carolina line to points South of Myrtle Beach (Georgetown) and on any other Routes in the Myrtle Beach vicinity.
- (7) Travel times on all loads up to 12 Feet wide: All loads or mobile homes up to 12 feet wide are allowed to travel one half (1/2) hour after sunrise to one half (1/2) hour before sunset Monday through Saturday.
- (8) Travel times for loads over 12 feet wide up to 15 feet wide: All loads over 12 feet wide up to 15 feet wide or mobile homes over 12 feet wide up to and including 14 feet box width (plus a maximum 12 inches top overhang for mobile homes) are allowed to travel one half (1/2) hour after sunrise to one half (1/2) hour before sunset Monday through Saturday EXCEPT travel prohibited in close proximity of large urban areas between 7AM-9AM all days and 3PM-6PM on school days and 4:30-6PM on non-school days.
- (9) Travel times for loads over 15 feet wide: All loads over 15 feet wide and mobile homes over 14 feet box width up to and including 16 feet wide shall be moved Monday through Saturday only between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. during school days and 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. other days.
- (10) Highway Lane Restrictions: All loads and mobile homes over 14 feet wide up to and including 16 feet wide shall travel on four-lane highways. Travel on two-lane highways shall be restricted to 12-foot wide or wider lane width where possible.
- (11) Bridge Restrictions: All loads or mobile homes over 14 feet wide up to and including 16 feet wide shall be the only vehicle on any bridge that is 18 feet wide or less.

## **H. TOWING VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS**

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### **I. SIGNS, FLAGS & LIGHT REQUIREMENTS:**

- (1) Signs or Banners: On all loads and mobile homes 12 feet wide or wider the permittee shall provide signs on the front and rear of the load reading WIDE LOAD or OVERSIZE LOAD with letters 12 inches high and at least 1 1/2 inches wide.
- (2) Flags & Lights: On all loads and mobile homes 12 feet wide or wider red flags must be displayed at each outer four corners of the load. Turn signals and brake lights in working order must be displayed.
- (3) Warning Lights in excess of 12 feet: The permittee shall provide a rotating amber beacon or strobe light on the rear of the mobile home or load in excess of 12 feet wide up to and including 14 feet wide at a location readily visible to following traffic.
- (4) Warning Lights in excess of 14 feet: The permittee shall provide a rotating amber beacon or strobe light on each outer rear corner of all loads or mobile homes over 14 feet wide up to and including 16 feet wide.

J. ESCORT REQUIREMENTS: The Department reserves the right to require escorts where it is deemed necessary for safety purposes.

- (1) Lights, Signs and Radios: A rotating amber beacon or strobe light shall be displayed on top of all escort vehicles. The escort vehicles shall also display a WIDE LOAD or OVERSIZE LOAD sign on the front of the lead escort vehicle and on the rear of the following escort vehicle. There shall be radio contact between the escort vehicles and the towing vehicles at all times
- (2) Front Civilian Escorts: A front escort shall be present on all loads or mobile homes which exceed 12 feet in width up to and including 14 feet in width on two lane highways. The Department reserves the right to require a rear escort where it is deemed necessary for safety purposes.
- (3) Front and Rear Civilian Escorts: A front and rear escort shall be present at all times on all loads or mobile homes which exceed 14 feet in width up to and including 16 feet in width.
- (4) Front and Rear Police/Civilian Escorts: A minimum of one front and one rear police (local, county, city, Highway Patrol or State Transport Police) and one front and one rear civilian escort required for ALL moves over 16 feet wide, are required, except upon written approval from the Department The foremost escort is to be a reasonable distance ahead of the move to alert oncoming traffic in sufficient time of the impending hazard ahead.
- (5) Front Lead Pole Escort: A front lead pole vehicle/escort shall be present on all loads 16 feet and higher. A route survey, certified as correct by the applicant, shall also be provided with application submittal.

**K. FRAME BUILDINGS OR OTHER LOADS OF SIMILAR SIZE**

- (1) An application for a permit to move a building or load in excess of 16 feet in width shall be made with the Resident Maintenance Engineer in each county the load is to be transported or with the Oversize/Overweight (OSOW) Permit office in Columbia, South Carolina. The OSOW Permit office will fax the request to each county for approval.
  - (a) The application shall be submitted to the SCDOT along with an 8x10 portion or portions of a DOT map specifically marked to clearly show each road involved.
  - (b) The application shall be signed by the Resident Maintenance Engineer (RME) signifying Departmental approval or disapproval of the requested route of travel. The RME and/or the OSOW Permit office may select alternate routes of travel and include special provisions or conditions to be observed during movement.
  - (c) The RME's office shall fax the application to the OSOW Permit office within five (5) working days. The transporter will not be able to fax or deliver the approved application to the OSOW Permit office for processing.
  - (d) The OSOW Permit office shall issue a valid SC OSOW Permit to the transporter and forward a copy to the RME's Office.
- (2) The maximum travel distance for a frame building or load in excess of 16 feet is thirty (30) miles providing the overall dimensions and highway conditions are favorable.
- (3) Travel shall only be allowed between the hours of 9:00AM and 3:00PM, Monday through Friday. Nighttime and weekend movement will be allowed at the discretion of the Resident Maintenance Engineer and the OSOW Permit office. There will be no movement on holidays, major public events, high volume tourism periods or any other dates that are set at the discretion of the SCDOT.
- (4) For moves taking place in hours of darkness, sufficient lighting to alert traffic shall be placed on the transporter, building and/or load.
- (5) A permit shall not be issued for the movement of a frame building or load of any width across a bridge unless the width of subject load is 24 inches less than the distance between the guard rails of the bridge, or if the subject load is loaded such that it will clear the top of the rails by not less than 12 inches.
- (6) The transporter shall be responsible for checking all overhead vertical clearances and shall make all provisions for raising or removal of overhead wires, cables, traffic signals, etc. This shall be done no less than a minimum of 3 working days prior to the move, to eliminate delays to the highway traffic.
- (7) A minimum of four (4) escorts are required for ALL moves over 16 feet wide, two (2) in front and two (2) in rear. The transporter is responsible for providing sufficient flagmen and/or escort vehicles to warn approaching traffic of move.
  - (a) Escorts shall be a minimum of one front and one rear police (local, county, city, Highway Patrol or State Transport Police) and one front and one rear civilian escort.
  - (b) The foremost escorts are to be a reasonable distance ahead of the load to alert oncoming traffic in sufficient time of the impending hazard.
  - (c) Radio contact must be maintained between the escorts and the towing vehicle during entire move.



**K. FRAME BUILDINGS OR OTHER LOADS OF SIMILAR SIZE (continued)**

- (8) Proof of insurance pursuant to SC Code of Law 56-27-40 shall be provided to the OSOW Permit office prior to movement. Insurance requirements shall be submitted on an Accord form with SCDOT Oversize/Overweight Permits, PO Box 191, Columbia, SC, 29202 listed as the Certificate Holder.
- (9) For the purpose of obtaining a house moving license pursuant to SC Code of Law 56-27-20, upon request, proof of a commercial drivers license (CDL) shall be submitted with the house moving license application.
- (10) The transporter will be responsible for contacting the local Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Fire Department at least 24 hours prior to movement in each town or city that the load will be traveling through. At no time shall a road be blocked for more than 5 minutes where there is only 1 passage or where no detour is available.
- (11) The transporter will be responsible for notifying each county Resident Maintenance Engineer one day prior to actual movement of load.

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### South Carolina Department of Transportation Oversize/Overweight Permit Survey

The South Carolina Oversize/Overweight Permit Office Director will be reviewing with management the "Guidelines for movement over South Carolina Highways of Oversize and Overweight Vehicles and Loads". We would like to have our customers input by completing the below survey. This will allow us to see where our customers concerns and/or needs are.

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- 1) How many permits do you order monthly from South Carolina?  
\_\_\_\_\_ 1-10    \_\_\_\_\_ 11-20    \_\_\_\_\_ 21-30    \_\_\_\_\_ Over 30
- 2) What type loads do you haul? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) How would you rate the customer service in 2005/2006?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Good    \_\_\_\_\_ Average    \_\_\_\_\_ Poor  
Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 4) When searching for the requirements needed to transport your load do you search  
\_\_\_\_\_ on the web    \_\_\_\_\_ call our office    \_\_\_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) Are the guidelines easily formatted to find the requirements you need to transport your load?    \_\_\_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_\_\_ No
- 6) Are there guidelines that restrict your business practices?    \_\_\_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_\_\_ No  
If yes; which guideline and your suggested improvement:  
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(Please attach separate page if more space is needed)

Company Name: (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_  
Your Name: (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this survey by fax to (803) 253-4062**

Thank you,  
Mechelle Mabry

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### South Carolina Department of Transportation Oversize/Overweight Permit Survey

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- 1) How many permits do you order monthly from South Carolina?  
☐ 1-10 ☐ 11-20 ☒ 21-30 ☐ Over 30
- 2) What type loads do you haul? Machinery, Const equipment, building materials
- 3) How would you rate the customer service in 2005/2006?  
X excellent ☐ Good ☐ Average ☐ Poor  
 Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

- 4) When searching for the requirements needed to transport your load do you search  
☒ on the web ☒ call our office ☐ other \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) Are the guidelines easily formatted to find the requirements you need to transport your load? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- 6) Are there guidelines that restrict your business practices? ☒ Yes ☐ No  
 If yes; which guideline and your suggested improvement:  
 ① Speed limit - Should be removed  
 ② Front overhang (should be abolished - this is a ridiculous, misunderstood law)  
 ③ restricted travel over Arthur Ravenel Bridge in Charleston (15 years after opening)  
 ④ Should get rid of trailer tag requirement on single trip permit (not paid on annual)  
 (Please attach separate page if more space is needed)

Company Name: (Optional) Superior Transportation, Inc  
 Your Name: (Optional) Pat Barker

Please return this survey by fax to (803) 253-4062

Increase Permit (Annual) to \$100k and on 5 day pay  
 Thank you,  
 Mechelle Mabry

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### South Carolina Department of Transportation Oversize/Overweight Permit Survey

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- 1) How many permits do you order monthly from South Carolina?  
☒ 1-10    ☐ 11-20    ☐ 21-30    ☐ Over 30
- 2) What type loads do you haul? EQUIPMENT CONSTRUCTION
- 3) How would you rate the customer service in 2005/2006?  
☒ Good    ☐ Average    ☐ Poor  
 Comments: ALWAYS VERY FRIENDLY
- 4) When searching for the requirements needed to transport your load do you search  
☐ on the web    ☒ call our office    ☐ other
- 5) Are the guidelines easily formatted to find the requirements you need to transport your load?  
☒ Yes    ☐ No
- 6) Are there guidelines that restrict your business practices? ☒ Yes    ☐ No  
 If yes; which guideline and your suggested improvement:  
RAISE WEIGHT LIMITS ON OVER SIZE LOADS  
IT IS SO HARD TO GO FROM NC PERMITS TO SC PERMITS  
WHEN TRAVELING FROM STATE TO STATE

(Please attach separate page if more space is needed)

Company Name: (Optional) MID ATLANTIC HEAVY HAULING INC.  
 Your Name: (Optional) STEVE THOMPSON

Please return this survey by fax to (803) 253-4062

Thank you,  
 Mechelle Mabry

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- 1) How many permits do you order monthly from South Carolina?  
☒ 1-10    ☐ 11-20    ☐ 21-30    ☐ Over 30
- 2) What type loads do you haul? overSize/overwidth
- 3) How would you rate the customer service in 2005/2006?  
☒ Good    ☐ Average    ☐ Poor  
 Comments: Need links on the web page to answer questions such as when are escorts needed, High Pole, police - just a few guide lines
- 4) When searching for the requirements needed to transport your load do you search  
☒ on the web    ☐ call our office    ☐ other
- 5) Are the guidelines easily formatted to find the requirements you need to transport your load?    ☒ Yes    ☐ No
- 6) Are there guidelines that restrict your business practices?    ☒ Yes    ☐ No  
 If yes; which guideline and your suggested improvement:

I have had a problem changing my password each month when trying to log-in over the Internet. I have several times asked why but nobody seems to find the problem. I always have to call the office and they change my password.  
 (Please attach separate page if more space is needed) for me @ the office. Passwords should last longer or make it more user friend

Company Name: (Optional) Wolfe Mechanical Inc. Equip  
 Your Name: (Optional) Lindy Jones

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Thank you,  
 Mechelle Mabry

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### MULTIPLE TRIP CHANGE REQUEST ON GROSS WEIGHT

1. Allow the Multiple Trip Permits to increase from 90,000 lbs gross weight on 5 axles to 100,000 lbs. on 5 axles. 14' wide, 13'.6" high. This will allow the hauler to carry up to 20,000 lbs on the steer axle, (which is allowed by the Federal Law on any single axle), and 40,000 lbs per tandem axles (which is currently allowed)

Pros: This will allow the carrier to haul more weight on the steer axle and not loose any weight on the tandem axles. Currently 10,000 lbs is allowed on the steer axle, if more weight is needed then the driver has to reduce his tandem weights.

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Cons: Could reduce the number of single trips that are ordered resulting in fewer monies being generated.

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APPROVED / DENIED

Requested by: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended by: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Approved \_\_\_\_\_